

## SOLE SOURCE JUSTIFICATION FOR SIMPLIFIED ACQUISITIONS

1. The **Customized THULS Tactical Engineer Handbooks** listed on **M21310-10-SU-00024** is urgently needed for the unit's deployment to Afghanistan where the unit will be focused on engineer specific tasks of route clearance and route improvement throughout the battle space. **FAR 6.302-2**

2. This acquisition is restricted to the following source:

Manufacturer: MIR, Inc.  
Manufacturer POC and Phone Number: 716.816.6393 POC: Ken Tetrault  
Manufacturer Address: 47 Flaherty Road  
Lancaster, NH 03584  
Manufacturer's Dealer/Representative: Ken Tetrault  
Dealer/Representative Address and Phone Number: Same as above

3. Description of the THULS handbooks required, the estimated cost, and required delivery date.

Item is a customized tactical THULS handbook made specifically for 8<sup>th</sup> Engineer Support Battalion (ESB) and the ESB specific mission which supports horizontal and vertical construction as well as Explosive Ordnance Disposal to the MAGTF. Item is \$75,424.11, RDD is 1 October

4. Specific characteristics of the **THULS tactical engineer handbook** that limit the availability to a sole source e.g., unique features, function of the item, etc. Describe in detail why only this suggested source can furnish the requirements to the exclusion of other sources.

MIR, inc is the only producer of the THULS handbook. Some vendors carry the generic version at an increased cost however the only way to get customized books tailored to the unit's capabilities and specific SOPs and TTPs is to purchase the customized book directly from MIR, inc. The 8<sup>th</sup> ESB customized book contains engineer specific information applicable to grading, excavation, horizontal and vertical construction and route clearance SOPs that directly correspond to our assigned mission under I MEF forward. MIR, inc is also able to meet the 1 October deadline required by the unit.

The 8<sup>th</sup> ESB THULS Handbooks will be issued to each of our 8 companies for training and the unit's deployment. These items will be given a local TAMCN and added to the unit property records due to the high dollar value. Additionally, the Company Commanders will account for the handbooks on their quarterly Consolidated Memorandum Receipts (CMRs). These books will not be issued to the Marine to keep. They will stay with the battalion due to their specific nature. We will average one book per fire-team throughout the battalion.

5. Check and fill in all that are applicable:

- ☐ The material or service must be compatible in all aspects (form, fit, and function) with existing systems presently installed. Describe the equipment you have now and how the new item/service must coordinate, connect, or interface with the existing system:

- ☐ A patent, copyright, or proprietary data limits competition. The proprietary data are described as follows:

The THULS handbooks are patented under US Patent number 7,056,860. They are also copyright protected under United States Copyright Protection TX-6-245-105.

- ☐ These are "direct replacement" parts/components for existing equipment.
- ☐ Other information to support a sole-source buy:

### CERTIFICATION

I certify that statements checked and information provided above are complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the processing of this Sole-Source Justification precludes the use of full and open competition.

(Signature)  Date 26 AUG 2010

Printed Name, Title [Project Officer] 1ST LT MATTHEW DALTON, SUPPLY OFFICER

(Signature)  Date 27 Aug 10

Printed Name, Title [Contracting Officer] S.J. Schmid